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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CONSENT TO EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION  
BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The district judges of this Court have found that the United States magistrate judges are experienced judicial officers who have regularly handled the disposition of hundreds of civil cases through motions and trials and are fully qualified to try any civil cases arising before this Court.

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §636(c), you are hereby notified that pursuant to Local Rules 72.1(h), the United States magistrate judges of this district, in addition to their other duties, may, upon the consent of all the parties in a civil case, conduct any or all proceedings in a civil case, including a jury or non-jury trial, and order the entry of a final judgment. Appropriate consent forms for this purpose are available from the clerk of court.

Your decision to consent, or not to consent, to the referral of your case to a United States magistrate judge for disposition is entirely voluntary and should be communicated solely to the clerk of the district court. Only if all the parties in the case consent to the reference to a magistrate judge will either the judge or magistrate judge be informed of your decision. **If you decide to consent, your case will receive a date certain for trial.**

No action eligible for arbitration will be referred by consent of the parties until the arbitration has been concluded and trial *de novo* demanded pursuant to Local Rules 53.2, Paragraph 7. The Court may, for good cause shown, or on its own motion, or under extraordinary circumstances shown by any party, vacate a reference of a civil matter to a magistrate judge.

When a case is referred to a magistrate judge for all further proceedings, including the entry of final judgment, the final judgment shall be appealed directly to the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in the same manner as an appeal from any other judgment of a district court.

Nothing herein shall be construed to be a limitation of any party's right to seek review by the Supreme Court of the United States.

HARVEY BARTLE III  
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